(c) Under the scheme of NCLP, at present 22 districts are covered in the state of Andhra Pradesh for the benefit of 51,650 child labour through 1033 special school/centres. The state-wise details of the NCLPs in other Southern States at present is as follows:

State	No. of NCLPs Sanctioned	No. of Schools Sanctioned	Children covered
Tamilnadu	9	425	21,900
Karnataka	5	190	9,500

SEZ p rojects

304. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to permit the investors of SEZ projects for non-paying of EPF, ESI contributions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) It has deen decided that in respect of Special Economic Zones, the State Government may apply for exemption, to the Central Government under Section 1 6(2) of the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, from the applicability of the provisions of the Act to SEZ for 5 years. The decision shall be taken on case-to-case basis.

In respect of the ESI Act 1948, the State Government, being the appropriate Government, may take a decision as per the powers provided under the Act.

Construction, forestry and wood workers

305. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of construction, forestry and wood workers working in the country;

(b) whether most of the construction workers are migrant labour;

(c) whether in view of this globalisation and use of modern technology, a large number of illiterate unskilled construction forestry and unorganised sector workers are going to be unemployed; and